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SUBJECT: IAEA'S PANEL FO EXPERTS REPORT ON OCEAN DUMPING

REF: A) IAEA VIENNA 10184

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1. RESULTS OF REVIEW REPORTED REFTEL A INDICATE THAT SECRETARIAT WOULD ACCOMODATE, TO GREAT EXTENT, U.S. COMMENTS PER REFAPR B EITHER BY INCORPORATION IN REDRAFT OF GOV/1622 (CATEGORY A) OR BY CIRCULATION (WITYOUT SECRETARIAT EXPRESSING OPINION) OF POROPosals TO PANEL MEMBERS FOR THEIR CONCURRENCE OR COMMENT (CATEGORY B). NOTABLE EXCEPTIONS ARE PROPOSALS FOR DE MINIMIS CONCEPT AND FOR ADOPTION OF DESCRIPTIVE DEFINITION FOR HIGH-LEVEL WASTES AS IT APPEARS IN U.S. REGULATIONS, BOTH OF WHICH WILL REQUIRE CONVENING OF PANEL. IN ADDITION, ONE OR MORE OF OTHER U.S. SUGGESTIONS IN CATEGORY (B) MAY REQUIRE CONVENING OF PANEL IN ORDER TO RESOLVE CONFLICTING COMMENTS.

2. AS NOTED REFTEL A, PANEL COULD NOT BE CONVENED BEFORE MAY OR JUNE EVEN IF SUCH DECISION MADE SOON. (WE UNDERSTAND THAT SECRETARIAT HAS FOUND IT ESSENTIAL TO GIVE USSR AT LEAST SIX MONTHS NOTICE OF SUCH PANEL IN ORDER TO ASSURE SOCIWT PARTICIPATION.) THUS, IF PANEL CONVENED, EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE

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FOR IAEA BOARD ACTION WOULD BE SEPTEMBER 1974. INSISTENCE

UPON ACTION ON U.S. CATEGORY (C) ITEMS BEFORE BOARD APPROVAL  
OF ANY DOCUMENT WOULD PLACE RESPONSIBILITY SUCH DELAY WQUARELY  
ON U.S.

3. UK AND FRG COMMENTS ON GOV/1622 APPERAR TO MISSION TO BE  
EITHER CATEGORY (A) OR (B). UK COMMENTS ON WHO LETTER INDICATE  
ONE POSSIBLE CATEGORY (B) ITEM. WHILE IT IS POSSILBE THAT  
ONE OR MORE OF THESE CATEGORY (B) ITEMS COULD GIVE RISE TO  
A NEED FOR RESOLUTION BY CONVENING OF PANEL, AS IS THE CASE  
WITH U.S. CATEGORY (B) ITEMS, THIS SITUATION WILL NOT RPT  
NOT BE KNOWN UNTIL COMMENTS ARE CIRCULATED AND PANEL MEMBERS COMMENTS  
RECEIVED. MOREOVER MISSION BELIEVES IT UNLIKELY THAT EITHER  
WHO, UK OR FRG WOULD BE WILLING BEAR RESPONSIBILITY FOR CONVENING  
PANEL AND CONSEQUENT DELAY OF BOARD ACTION AND WOULD THREFORE  
WITHDRAW ANY CONTROVERSIAL COMMENT.

4. U.S. PANEL MEMBERS ARE IN BETTER POSITION THAN WE TO  
JUDGE WHETHER PANEL IN MAY OR JUNE 1974 WOULD BE MORE RECEPTIVE  
TO US PROPOSAL FOR DESCRIPTIVE DEFINITION HIGH-LEVEL WASTES  
THAN WAS JUNE 1973 PANEL, BUT SUCCESS THAT ENDEAVOR IS CERTAINLY  
QUESTIONABLE. THUS, AFTER DELAYING BOARD ACTION BY FULL YEAR,  
U.S. MAY BE LEFT WITH DOCUMENT IN WHICH NEVERTHELESS SUCH DEFINITION  
DOES NOT APPEAR.

5. MISSION SUGGESTS THAT U.S. FORMALLY SUBMIT ALL THOSE  
COMMENTS REPAIR B (REVISED PERHAPS IN LIGHT SECRETARIATS  
COUNTER-SUGGESTIONS REPORTED REFTEL A, AND, AS APPROPRIATE,  
ANY RELEVANT UK AND FRG COMMENTTS REPORTED REFTEL B) EXCEPT  
THOSE RE DE MINIMIS CONCEPT AND DESCRIPTIVE DEFINITION  
HIGH-LEVEL WASTES. LATTER TWO ITEMS WOULD BE ADDRESSED IN  
U.S. SUBMISSION UNDER SUGGESTION THAT DIR GEN, IN TRANSMITTING  
RECOMMENDATIONS, MAKE CLEAR THAT GENERAL SUBJECT WILL REQUIRE  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION AND THAT IAEA INTENDS TO ADDRESS  
POSSIBLE REFINEMENTS, SUCH AS DE MINIMIS CONCEPT AND DESCRIPTIVE  
DEFINITION HIGH-LEVEL WASTES, INFUTURE AND WILL KEEP CONVENTION  
PARTIES INFORMED OF RESULTS INCLUDING CHANGES TO OR ADDITIONAL  
RECOMMENDATIONS.

6. U.S. COULD ALSO MAKE RECOND IN BOARD THAT IT CONSIDERS  
IT IMPORTANT THAT IAEA PURSUE SUBJECT IN FUTURE IN ORDER TO  
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RESOLVE IMPORTANT ASPECTS WHICH ARE NOT ADDRESSED IN PRESENT  
RECOMMENDATIONS.

7. IN ANY EVENT, FORMAL SUBMISSION U.S. COMMENTS MUST BE MADE  
WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS TO PERMIT SECRETARIAT TIME TO PREPARE  
REVISED DOCUMENT AND COMPILATION OF CATEGORY (B) SUGGESTIONS.  
PACKAGE MUST BE DISPATCHED TO PANEL MEMBERS WITHIN NEXT WEEK  
IN ORDER THAT DEADLINE FOR REPLIES BY JAN 15 CAN BE REASONABLY

ESTABLISHED. THAT DATE IN NECESSARY IN ORDER TO ISSUE REVISED  
BOARD DOCUMENT BY JAN 21, AT LATEST, FOR ACTION AT FEBRUARY  
BOARD. ADVISE SOONEST. PORTER

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